Dear NETWORK Supporters,

One year ago, I felt defeated by the December 2017 tax fight that we lost, and I started 2018 a little low on hope. But it was your fierce commitment, and that of our staff, that changed the direction of 2018! We re-grouped. NETWORK activists across the country engaged in small teams to heighten their impact. We had lobby visits that made palpable differences both in districts and here in D.C. We were lifted up by our shared commitment to the common good.

All of this educating, organizing, and lobbying paved the way for our pre-election tour: Nuns on the Bus on the Road to Mar-a-Lago! I will never forget the joy of the bus as we educated about the impact of the flawed tax legislation that passed on a party-line vote. Together, we lobbied representatives to change their position and fix this law. The glorious bus trip ended with a Fiesta for the Common Good near Mar-a-Lago complete with a mariachi band! What joy and mischief making!

November brought change to Congress—including a lot more women! It increased my hope that we can “Mend the Gaps” in our nation.

We know that change only happens in community. You are the community that helped make this new year possible! You are the community that gives us joy and draws us to holiness—living the Gospel fully alive! You all make that possible!

Thank you!

S. Simone Campbell, SSJ

NETWORK educates, organizes, and lobbies for social and economic transformation. We are rooted in Catholic Social Justice and open to all who share our passion. We value women’s leadership, welcome secular and religious backgrounds, affirm LGBTQ+ identities, and engage in ongoing racial justice work.
OUR NETWORK Community

We are honored to have more than 80,000 supporters across the country who engaged with us in 2018.

Thank you to the 7,974 members who donated last year!

A SPECIAL THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE ADDITIONAL GIFTS ABOVE THEIR MEMBERSHIP DUES

1,956 first-time donors
A Sister-Spirit welcome to our newest members!

534 GEMs
People who participated in the Giving Every Month program

2,082 Loyalty Society
People who have given consecutively for five years or more

Our Work by the Numbers

3.25 million emails sent to NETWORK supporters in 194 email blasts

583,606 visits to the NETWORK websites by 133,956 visitors

32,972 minutes NETWORK activists spent on the phone with Congress to support our Mend the Gaps agenda

32,621 NETWORK text messages sent to advocates

30,252 Connection issues mailed to NETWORK members

5,726 new followers to NETWORK, Nuns on the Bus, and Sister Simone social media platforms

1,219 new subscribers to NETWORK text message alerts

118 blogs published on NETWORK’s website

44 in-district lobby visits made by NETWORK advocates

26 press releases — plus 44 advisories for Nuns on the Bus — disseminated to the media

21 states, 44 cities, and more than 5,600 miles traveled

More than 50 events, including 16 Town Halls for Justice, 13 Lobby Visits, 13 Site Visits, 6 Rallies, 2 Roundtable Discussions, 2 Receptions, 1 Canvass, and 1 Podcast Recording Session

11 Members of Congress joined us at our events and along the road

30 Sisters on the bus, who all received media and policy training

420 press hits over the course of the tour

110,983,931 impressions on Facebook and Twitter of “Nuns on the Bus” or “#NunsOnTheBus” throughout the tour!
Advocating for Justice

Throughout 2018, we worked with the interfaith community to promote a Farm Bill that would protect food assistance for our nation's most vulnerable people. Seen here: a Detroit rally of faith leaders — and NETWORK staff with coalition partners making sure our message was heard in the halls of Congress.

Immigration was a major issue in 2018. In February, NETWORK joined in the “Catholic Day of Action for Dreamers” public witness. And after news of the families separated at the border broke out across the country in early summer, Sister Simone traveled down to Tornillo, Texas to deliver toys and books to detained children who had been separated from their families.

Glamour and The Washington Post featured stories on a NETWORK-organized letter signed by 1,550 Catholic Faith Leaders from across the country calling into question the nomination of Judge Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court based on his positions on Catholic Social Justice issues.
Members of NETWORK's Bread and Roses Society play a vital role in building the justice movement for many years to come. By planning to remember NETWORK in their will or estate plans, members will make substantial, enduring commitments to our community's long-term work to create a society that promotes justice and the dignity of all in the shared abundance of God's creation.

Building the Grassroots

2018 saw the growth of our Advocates Teams and Councils around the country. We are excited to be building our network in:

- Illinois
- Indiana
- Kentucky
- Michigan
- Missouri
- New Jersey
- New York
- Ohio
- Pennsylvania
- Texas
- Virginia

Advocates Teams and Councils connect Spirit-filled justice-seekers within a geographical region and equip them to act effectively for social change. The groups work with NETWORK staff to build relationships with their Members of Congress.

To assist them in their work, groups receive considerable support from NETWORK staff, including policy briefs, legislative updates, trainings, educational materials, and opportunities for reflection and contemplation.

If you live in these states, please let us know if you are interested in joining us!

IN MEMORIAM

We honor the memory of those who included NETWORK in their estate plans who made a bequest in 2018. We are honored to be entrusted with their legacy, which sustains this work for many years to come.

Barbara Enagonio
Rev. Daniel J. Flaherty
Margaret Keyes
Kalista S. Lehrer

A New Home for NETWORK

One highlight of 2018 was moving to new office space in December. We are still walking distance to Capitol Hill and convenient for you to visit us! Please update your records with NETWORK’s new mailing address.